



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

Director

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TO: Each Supervisor *[Handwritten signature]*
FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director
SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached are the report of key GROW statistics for July 2002 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 1,020 GROW participants in jobs during the month of July. A total of 30,526 participants have found jobs.

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Community and Senior Services

GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

JULY 2002

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS
2002	Sanctions	Showers	Sanctions	Showers	Sanctions		Programs
July	5,840	4,001 (68%)	2,358	1,187 (50%)	709	1,020	902

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	EDUCATION TRAINING	EDUCATION TRAINING	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	GROW BASELORD	SANCTIONS
2002	Sanctions	Showers	Sanctions	Showers	Sanctions		
July	710	522 (73%)	125	18	248	41,320	1,270

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE JULY 2002

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 30,526 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- Pomona GROW held a "Planting Seeds of Opportunity" Job Fair on 7/11 at the National Guard Armory in Pomona. There were 47 employers participating in the job fair including Allied Security, Cal Spas, City of Pomona, CRST Trucking, DoubleTree Hotel, Kaiser Permanente, Montebello Unified School District, Olympic Security, Rite Aid Corporation, Sears and Wal-Mart.
- San Gabriel Valley GROW held on-site recruitment activities on 7/10, 7/15, 7/17 and 7/18 with Kelly Services, Goodwill Industries, Volt Services and Adecco. Over 70 participants attended these events and nine have been hired thus far. Additionally, other recruitment activities were held with Careerlink Workforce, Starbucks and Rose Hills.
- On 7/25, Southwest Special GROW held a job fair in conjunction with Metro Special, Civic Center and Wilshire Special GROW offices. Employers included Intercept Security, Universal Protection, Intercon Security and Volt Services. Over 160 participants attended the job fair.
- Civic Center GROW held an on-site recruitment on 7/23 with Optimum Staffing for dock worker positions. There were 50 participants who attended this activity and one has been hired thus far.
- Rancho Park GROW held a job fair on 7/31 with 22 employers. As a result, four participants have been hired to date.
- On 7/24, San Fernando GROW held an on-site recruitment with Goodwill Industries. Over 35 participants attended and three have been hired. Additionally, other recruitment activities were held on 7/18 and 7/23 with Nex-Cycle and Intercon Security.
- Metro Special GROW conducted on-site recruitment activities on 7/17 and 7/18 with Universal Protection Service, First Transit, Optimum Staffing and Intercon Security. A total of 58 participants attended these activities and, to date, ten have been hired. Additionally, an on-site recruitment is held every Monday and Tuesday with Laidlaw and three participants have been hired thus far.
- Pasadena GROW held on-site recruitments on 7/9 and 7/23 with Kelly Services and MTA.
- Metro East GROW held on-site recruitment activities on 7/5 and 7/24 with Starbucks and Rose Hills. There were 18 participants that attended these event and hires are still pending.
- On 7/18, Glendale GROW held an on-site recruitment with Teletech. As a result, fifteen participants have been scheduled for interviews and testing. Additionally, off-site recruitment activities were held on 7/10, 7/16 and 7/17.
- During this month, South Central GROW held employer recruitment activities with New Work Force Community Development and Optimum Staffing. As a result of these activities, 13 participants have been hired.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through July 2002, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.